

Yes, I am one of thousands of amateur radio operators who are concerned about the potential negative effects of Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL). And although results to date by the power companies tests have been less than ideal, I do believe that the power companies can minimize interference to the amateur radio bands using filtering. However, the result will likely NOT be zero interference to amateur radio. Even if the ham bands can be made clean, what about all the other spectrum that BPL will ruin? The amateur radio community has no evidence that BPL will not disrupt ham and government international communications. Tests to date appear to have been conducted in areas with little amateur radio HF activity. There seems to be no favorable UNBIASED data to support the claim that BPL will not interfere with HF communication. When there is proof (and not promises by the power companies) that BPL will not render valuable spectrum useless to any extent, then the amateur radio community will likely let the power companies waste resources to bring BPL to areas that already can access the internet via other means. But, to date, all the evidence we have points to BPL being a big mistake. Let's not squander shareholder money and our diminishing spectrum with a giant boondoggle.